

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of Tony GIORDANO *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 4861

Application No.: 10/762,395

Group Art Unit: 1639

Filed: January 22, 2004

Examiner: J. EPPERSON

For: **USE OF POST-TRANSCRIPTIONAL GENE SILENCING FOR  
IDENTIFYING NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES THAT MODULATE  
THE FUNCTION OF A CELL**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action (Requirement for Election) dated September 11, 2007. A petition and fee for a two month extension of time is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the claims are included and begin on page 2.